

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0020] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a perspective partial view of a rear area of a convertible vehicle with a convertible top in the closed state and schematically represents a drive device engaging a convertible-top rod;

Please replace paragraph [0024] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 5 shows a simplified perspective view of the clamping device according to the invention in the closed state of the convertible top according to Figs. 1 through 3 and schematically represents the drive device engaging the convertible-top rod;[[.]]

Please replace paragraph [0025] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 6 shows a view of the clamping device according to Fig. 5 in a partially opened state of the convertible top and schematically represents the drive device engaging the convertible-top rod;

Please replace paragraph [0026] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 7 shows a perspective view of the clamping device corresponding to Fig. 5 and Fig. 6 in the stored state of the convertible top and schematically represents the drive device engaging the convertible-top rod; and

Please replace paragraph [0027] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Fig. 8 shows a partial perspective view of the top of the convertible vehicle of Fig. 1 with an alternative embodiment of the clamping device and schematically represents the drive device engaging the convertible-top rod and a separate drive device engaging a bracket.

Please replace paragraph [0038] of the specification with the following paragraph:

In the variants shown, the clip 22 of the attachment device 9 is joined with its corresponding ends to a convertible-top main support 23 arranged in the side area of the vehicle, on which a drive device ~~(not further shown)~~28 engages and drives the convertible-top rod 5. With respect to its dimensioning, the clip 22, in the present case, is larger than brackets 14, 15 which are arranged more inside of the vehicle than the clip 22.

Please replace paragraph [0040] of the specification with the following paragraph:

The clamping device 13 connected to the convertible-top rod 5 and thereby to the main convertible-top support 23, in the variant according to Fig. 1 through Fig. 7, is movable by means of the drive device ~~(not further shown)~~28 that drives the convertible-top rods 5, which, is, for example, a hydraulic cylinder, and can therefore be moved with the motion of the convertible-top rods 5.

Please replace paragraph [0043] of the specification with the following paragraph:

Bracket 25, similar to the side brackets 14, 15 provided in the variant according to Fig. 1 through Fig. 7, can be moved from a position with the stored convertible top 2, in which bracket 25 is essentially situated at the vehicle height of clip 22 of the attachment device 9, into a position that forces the flexible roof panel 4 against the auto-body closure seal 8. In contrast to the variant according to Fig. 1 through Fig. 7, a separate drive 30 for bracket 25 is provided here, which can be controlled as a function of the motion of the convertible-top rod 5.

Please replace paragraph [0044] of the specification with the following paragraph:

In other variants, it can naturally be provided that a clamping device that corresponds essentially to the clamping device 13 depicted in Fig. 1 through Fig. 7, is equipped with a separate drive 30, or that a single clip be connected as in Fig. 8 to the convertible-top rod 5 without its own drive device 28.